

TRY TAG RUGBY

REFEREE CURRICULUM



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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The Referee Curriculum is designed to provide the community with an understanding of the Referee Pathway, roles and responsibilities of a referee, rules knowledge, on-field assessment and the criteria to pass each assessment.

The Referee Curriculum is also designed to assist all Try Tag Rugby affiliated leagues across the UK in an effort to ensure consistency across all Tag Referees throughout the UK.

The support of all TTR regions is crucial to grow the sport and to recruit and retain more referees.

1.2. Contact

The contact details for TTR HQ and Regional teams regarding refereeing can be found at the link below:

<https://www.trytagrugby.com/contact/>

2. Try Tag Rugby

TTR is responsible for successfully implementing and managing the Referee Curriculum throughout the UK. TTR HQ is to provide ongoing support for regions in developing and training referees in our game to ensure a high and consistent level of refereeing.

2.1 Try Tag Rugby HQ (London)

Try Tag Rugby HQ's main responsibilities include:

- Providing referee courses in London
- Observe theory results and issuing certificates
- Assessing referees on their practical performance and providing constructive feedback
- Managing referees for all TTR HQ tournaments and UK hosted ITF Tournaments.

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2.2 Try Tag Rugby Regional Managers

Try Tag Rugby Regional Managers main responsibilities include:

- Providing referee courses for their region
- Rostering and managing referees for their region
- Assessing referees on their practical performance and providing constructive feedback
- Managing referees for regional tournaments.

3. TTR Referee Code of Conduct

As referees are on “the front line” they have a responsibility to behave in a manner befitting that duty. They are a representative of our game and need to maintain a high level of professionalism at all times as their actions reflect Tag Rugby as a sport.

TTR REFEREE CODE OF CONDUCT

Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else; be alert to minimise dangerous physical play, fair or foul.

Be consistent, objective and courteous. Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest, both on and off the field.

Encourage sportsmanlike behaviour at all times.

Set a professional example by the way you dress, speak and act towards players, staff or Spectators.

Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players.

Officiate to the experience level of the players.

**The TTR Concussion Policy also applies as part of the TTR Referee Code of Conduct*

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4. Referee Accreditation Levels

4.1 Purpose

TTR have created accreditation levels to ensure a clear pathway for referees. Each level has a different requirement in order for referees to progress.

Level 1 - Beginner Referee who has completed a Beginner Referee Workshop (Or Non Workshop)

Level 2 - Intermediate Referee who can referee local competitions

Level 3 - Advanced Referee who can referee A Grade or Super League competitions

Level 4 - National Referee who can referee UK Tag Nationals

Level 5 - International Level Referee who can referee International friendlies/tournaments including the British & Irish Cup and ITF World Cup

Exemptions may apply to progress, please contact your regional manager to assist.

4.2 Level 1 - Beginner Referee

The Level 1 Referee is a Beginner Referee who has recently completed a Beginner Referee Workshop. This referee will primarily referee beginner and friendly matches to gain experience and understand the basic fundamentals of refereeing.

To be a Level 1 Referee you need to complete a Beginner Referee Workshop. To express your interest in becoming a referee click the link below.

[Interested in Refereeing](#)

4.3 Level 2 - Intermediate Referee

The Level 2 Referee is an Intermediate Referee who has successfully passed their practical assessment. This referee will demonstrate the intermediate fundamentals of refereeing and mastery of basic fundamentals. An Intermediate referee is highly encouraged to referee tournaments that Regions host or TTR HQ tournaments that are not Division 1.

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4.4 Level 3 - Advanced Referee

The Level 3 Referee is an Advanced Referee who has successfully passed their practical assessment. This referee will demonstrate advanced fundamentals of refereeing, rule knowledge of the International Rules (box tries, 50:10s etc.) and consistently referee local league Competitions.

An Advanced Referee is able to referee any A-Grade or Super League game if available (Not a requirement).

An Advanced Referee is encouraged to referee regional tournaments and TTR HQ tournaments including division 1.

4.5 Level 4 - National Referee

The Level 4 Referee is a National Referee who has successfully passed practical and theory assessments. The National Referee demonstrates elite fundamentals of refereeing. The National Referee is highly encouraged to meet fitness requirements for International Referees, however it is not a requirement.

4.6 Level 5 - International Referee

The Level 5 Referee is an International Referee. An International Referee is the highest level obtained at TTR. Unlike all other levels, an International Referee needs to renew their level every three years. If a referee does not renew their International Level, they will regress back to National Level 4. As well as being assessed by an International Referee Coach, International Referees must also pass a fitness test and written exam.

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5. Assessment Criteria

5.1 General Information

For referees to progress to the next level, referees need to be deemed competent in multiple areas of assessment. These areas may be assessed at local competitions or Try Tag Rugby Tournaments. TTR HQ and regions are permitted to provide exemptions if required.

* Theory - Assessed levels 1,4-5

* Practical - Assessed all levels

* Experience - Assessed all levels

* Fitness - Assessed level 5

If a referee is deemed “not yet competent” in any of the above areas of assessment or if an assessment is not completed within the allocated time, then reassessment is required.

5.2. Theory

The Level 1 written theory is an online quiz which allows the referee to review and resubmit their answers until they achieve 100%. The quiz is designed to provide referees with questions based on the practical workshop and will be sent out at the conclusion of the practical workshop.

Those who complete Level 1 non-workshop training will be provided a separate online quiz where they will need to review and resubmit answers until they achieve 100% to pass.

The Regional Manager for referees for your respective region will monitor and inform you if more theory is necessary to pass the Level 1 theory component.

If you have any questions regarding your Level 1 online quiz submission please ask your regional representative and they will respond at their earliest convenience.

The Level 4 and 5 online exams consist of random questions in which referees will need to achieve a 100% pass mark within a time limit. The online exam will be provided to referees when they have met the eligibility requirements. All exams are monitored by the Referee Manager.

Referees will be informed within three weeks of the Referee Manager receiving their exam if they have been deemed competent or not yet competent.

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5.3 Practical Criteria

Practical assessments involve a referee coach watching the referee during their games. To pass a practical assessment, referees will need to be deemed competent in the practical assessment. Referee coaches will provide feedback to referees in practical assessments to assist the progression of referees.

- * Level 1 - Assessed by Local Referee Coach on Friendly Fixture
- * Level 2 - Assessed by Local Referee Coach
- * Level 3 - Assessed by Local or National Referee Coach
- * Level 4 - Assessed by National or International Referee Coach
- * Level 5 - Assessed by International Referee Coach

5.4 Experience Criteria

A referee will not be able to progress to the next level without first gaining experience. Refereeing domestic competitions and tournaments provides opportunities for referees to gain the experience needed to pass each assessment.

Refereeing experience criteria exists for all levels and must be achieved before progressing to the next level. This will take into consideration:

- * Referee Age
- * Games refereed at local competitions over a number of years
- * Games refereed at TTR Tournaments over a number of years

The experience levels to be achieved are as followed;

Level 1

*The minimum age to participate in a Beginner Referee Workshop is 18. In the Thames Valley and South Yorkshire regions, where the minimum age for players is 16, the minimum age requirement for referees is also 16

Level 2

- * Have refereed at least 30 local competition games
- * Have refereed placing games in finals week of local competition

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Level 3

- * Have refereed 90 games
- * Refereed at least one TTR Tournament (HQ or Regional). It is desirable to have refereed more
- * Refereed 2 local domestic grand final games

Level 4

- * Nominated or invited to referee UK Tag Nationals twice in three years
- * Have consistently refereed Super League or Division 1 at TTR HQ Tournaments in the preceding calendar year

Level 5

- * Refereed finals at UK Tag Nationals
- * Invited to be in selection for ITF Tournaments (British & Irish Cup, ITF World Cup)

5.5 Fitness Requirement

Referees aspiring to be, or currently an International Referee need to pass a Fitness test in order to achieve or retain their Level 5 accreditation. International Referees will be required to complete a Yo-Yo Test in order to pass. More information will be provided to those officials by the Referee Manager.

5.6 Concussion Training

As part of our continued commitment to player safety and in line with Rugby Football League (RFL) guidelines, Try Tag Rugby has a formal Concussion Policy.

While Tag Rugby is a minimal contact sport, accidental collisions and concussion can still occur. Referees play an important role in recognising possible concussions and must work closely with Venue Supervisors, who are responsible for managing any incidents when they occur.

All new Try Tag Rugby Referees that attend a Beginner Referee Workshop must sign a confirmation of understanding of the concussion policy and will be given a copy of the Headcase Pitcheside Guidance to read and for reference.

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Referees are also required to complete the required training for concussion. Training requirements vary depending on your referee level:

To achieve Level 2 status or above, you must complete the free RFU Headcase Concussion Awareness Course – Match Officials (Estimated time: ~30 minutes)

- Level 3 and above referees must complete the course every two years (annual renewal encouraged)
- Referees below Level 3 must complete the course every three years (annual renewal encouraged)

Once complete:

- Download your certificate
- Send it to your Regional Manager for record keeping

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Level	Criteria to achieve level
Level 1 - Beginner Referee	Attend a Beginner Referee Workshop or Non Workshop Passed online theory Deemed competent in "Friendly Fixture" At least 18 years of age (<i>With the exemption of Thames Valley and South Yorkshire regions where the minimum age is 16</i>) Read and confirm you have read the TTR Concussion Policy
Level 2 - Intermediate Referee	Achieved Level 1 Have Refereed 30 games at local leagues Refereed placing games in finals week of local leagues Passes TTR Referee Practical Assessment assessed by Local Referee coach Complete Headcase Concussion Awareness Course (Renew every three years)
Level 3 - Advanced Referee	Achieved Level 2 Refereed 90 games Refereed 1 TTR Tournament (Regional or HQ) Refereed 2 local competition grand final games Complete Headcase Concussion Awareness Course (Renew every two years)
Level 4 - National Referee	Achieved Level 3 Passed Level 4 Online test Have refereed Super League and/or Division 1 at TTR HQ Tournaments consistently Referee UK Nationals twice in 3 years Complete Headcase Concussion Awareness Course (Renew every two years)
Level 5 - International Referee	Achieved Level 4 Passed Level 5 Online Test Passed Fitness Test Refereed UK Tag National Finals Considered to referee ITF Tournaments Complete Headcase Concussion Awareness Course (Renew every two years)

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6. Referee Coach Accreditation

6.1 Purpose

Try Tag Rugby has accredited levels to ensure a clear path for Referee Coaches. Without Referee Coaches, TTR wouldn't be able to progress Referees. Each level has different requirements in order for referee assessors to progress

Local Referee Coach - Advanced Referee who can assess referees in local leagues

National Referee Coach - Referee Coach who can assess at UK Tag Nationals

International Referee Coach- Referee Coach who can assess International Tournaments

6.2 Local Referee Coach

A Local Referee Coach is the entry-level for Advanced Referees who want to make the transition to coaching and providing feedback to TTR Referees. A Regional Manager or appropriate League Coordinator/Venue Supervisor can also be a local referee coach and provide feedback where Appropriate.

A Local Referee Coach will primarily assess and provide feedback to referees at the Beginner to Advanced Level.

To be a Local Referee Coach you will need to express your interest please click the link below.

[Local Referee Coach Expression of Interest Form](#)

6.4. National Referee Coach

A National Referee Coach is a Referee Coach who has been a TTR Referee Coach at four TTR Tournaments. A National Referee coach has successfully passed the National Referee Written Exam to maintain rule knowledge. A National Referee Coach is also Referee Coaching UK Tag Nationals consistently.

6.5. International Referee Coach

An International Referee Coach is a Referee Coach that coaches referees at the International Level. Tournaments an International Referee Coach may assess at include the British & Irish Cup and ITF Tag World Cup. An International Referee Coach has also successfully passed the International Referee Exam to maintain rule knowledge.

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Level	Criteria to achieve each level
Local Referee Coach	Advanced Referee for at least 1 year or Regional Manager/appropriate Venue Supervisor Attended Local Referee Coach course Passed Referee Coach Course
National Referee Coach	Achieved Local Referee Coach Assessed 4 TTR Tournaments (TagFest, Corporate Challenge, Spring, Autumn) Invited to Referee Coach UK Tag Nationals Passed Level 4 (National Referee) Written exam
International Referee Coach	Achieved National Referee Coach Passed Level 5 (International Referee) Written Exam Consistently Referee Coach at UK Tag Nationals Selected to Referee Coach International Tournaments (British & Irish Cup, ITF World Cup)